

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claims 1-15. Please amend Claim 16. Please add Claims 17 - 19.

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Claims 1-15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (currently amended): A method for tracking personnel and articles, comprising the steps of:

- a) coding an RFID tag with a unique identifier, the identifier being stored in a memory portion of the RFID tag;
- b) affixing the RFID tag to a means for identifying one of a select member of the personnel and a select article;
- c) providing the identifying means to the select member or affixing the identifying means to the select article;
- d) associating the identifier of the RFID tag with the select member or select article, and associating the identifier with a list of wanted personnel and articles;
- e) electrically scanning the RFID tag when the select member or article is proximate a scanner to retrieve the identifier number of the [RFIF] RFID tag;
- f) comparing the identifier number of the scanned RFID tag with the list;
- g) notifying security personnel of the location of the select member or article if the identifier of the scanned RFID tag appears on the list; and
- h) wherein the select member or article is located.

Claim 17 (new): A method for tracking and processing passengers and their transported articles, comprising the steps of:

- a) coding each of a plurality of RFID tags with a unique identifier, the identifier being stored in a memory portion of each RFID tag;

- b) coding a first RFID tag with information relating to a select passenger, the information being stored in the memory portion of the first RFID tag;
- c) affixing the first RFID tag to a means for identifying the select passenger;
- d) providing the identifying means to the select passenger;
- e) electrically scanning the first RFID tag to retrieve passenger-specific information when the identifying means is transported to an airport by the select passenger;
- f) generating a passenger record for the select passenger using the passenger-specific information;
- g) authenticating the identity of the select passenger with respect to the identifying means;
- h) associating a second RFID tag with the passenger record, the second RFID tag being affixed to a boarding pass for an airline flight;
- i) storing passenger-specific flight data in at least one of the passenger record and the second RFID tag;
- j) issuing the boarding pass to the select passenger;
- k) associating a third RFID tag with the passenger record, the third RFID tag being affixed to a first baggage label;
- l) affixing the first baggage label to the passenger's baggage, wherein at least one of the passenger-identifying means, boarding pass, and first baggage label are used in cooperation with the passenger record and at least one electrical scanner to retrieve information relating to the passenger and/or baggage, wherein at least one of the passenger-identifying means, boarding pass, and first baggage label are used in cooperation with the passenger record and at least one electrical scanner to retrieve information relating to the passenger and/or baggage;
- m) inspecting the baggage for any contents that do not meet predetermined security regulations;
- n) storing data relating to the inspection of the baggage comprising at least one of textual data and imaging information corresponding to the inspection of the baggage; and
- o) associating the baggage inspection data to the passenger record.

Claim 18 (new): A method for tracking and processing passengers and their transported articles, comprising the steps of:

- a) coding each of a plurality of RFID tags with a unique identifier, the identifier being stored in a memory portion of each RFID tag;
- b) coding a first RFID tag with information relating to a select passenger, the information being stored in the memory portion of the first RFID tag;
- c) affixing the first RFID tag to a means for identifying the select passenger;
- d) providing the identifying means to the select passenger;
- e) electrically scanning the first RFID tag to retrieve passenger-specific information when the identifying means is transported to an airport by the select passenger;
- f) generating a passenger record for the select passenger using the passenger-specific information;
- g) authenticating the identity of the select passenger with respect to the identifying means;
- h) associating a second RFID tag with the passenger record, the second RFID tag being affixed to a boarding pass for an airline flight;
- i) storing passenger-specific flight data in at least one of the passenger record and the second RFID tag;
- j) issuing the boarding pass to the select passenger;
- k) associating a third RFID tag with the passenger record, the third RFID tag being affixed to a first baggage label; and
- l) affixing the first baggage label to the passenger's baggage, wherein at least one of the passenger-identifying means, boarding pass, and first baggage label are used in cooperation with the passenger record and at least one electrical scanner to retrieve information relating to the passenger and/or baggage, and wherein the display electrically scans at least one RFID tag carried by a select passenger, retrieves at least a portion of at least one of the passenger-specific information, flight data and passenger record, and displays advertising directed to the select passenger.

Claim 19 (new): A method for tracking and processing passengers and their transported articles, comprising the steps of:

- a) coding each of a plurality of RFID tags with a unique identifier, the identifier being stored in a memory portion of each RFID tag;
- b) coding a first RFID tag with information relating to a select passenger, the information being stored in the memory portion of the first RFID tag;
- c) affixing the first RFID tag to a means for identifying the select passenger;
- d) providing the identifying means to the select passenger;
- e) electrically scanning the first RFID tag to retrieve passenger-specific information when the identifying means is transported to an airport by the select passenger;
- f) generating a passenger record for the select passenger using the passenger-specific information;
- g) authenticating the identity of the select passenger with respect to the identifying means;
- h) associating a second RFID tag with the passenger record, the second RFID tag being affixed to a boarding pass for an airline flight;
- i) storing passenger-specific flight data in at least one of the passenger record and the second RFID tag;
- j) issuing the boarding pass to the select passenger;
- k) associating a third RFID tag with the passenger record, the third RFID tag being affixed to a first baggage label; and
- l) affixing the first baggage label to the passenger's baggage, wherein at least one of the passenger-identifying means, boarding pass, and first baggage label are used in cooperation with the passenger record and at least one electrical scanner to retrieve information relating to the passenger and/or baggage, and wherein the second RFID tag is electrically scanned to permit or deny the select passenger access to a select aircraft.